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## Christmas Violets

By Mary  
Graham  
Bonner

HAROLD had been told by his mother that big cities were full of designing women. Harold did not know whether his mother was right or not. But he did know that in his city boarding house there was one of the dearest little girls who had ever lived.

Harold was not selfish. He was far from being a miser. His idea of a miser was a chap he had known in his home town. He had never spent any money which he could possibly avoid spending. He always ate with his friends and rarely paid for a meal. He was always out of cigarettes and so smoked his friends' cigarettes.

He had made a good living and never failed to talk of his poverty.

He had been accused of worshipping money and he had replied: "Not a bit of it. I have great respect for money. That is the difference."

Harold despised that kind of a person. And yet, perhaps, wouldn't the "dearest little girl" think he was mean? He had never given her anything and he had lived at the boarding house for six months now. Did she think he was mean? That was what bothered him. She had told him of a person she had known whom she considered a miser, and she had told him of a joke upon this "miser." For he had bargained with a little shop dealer and had obtained an article marked a dollar for fifty cents, and then had walked down the street a little farther on and had seen the same article in another window for twenty-five cents. And finally he had seen it in a ten-cent store for a dime—well, he had almost considered life useless, while everyone else had rejoiced that it had been a good one on the "miser."

One of the reasons that made him feel that she thought, perhaps, he was mean was because she knew others who were generous. Or, at least, one other.

Every Saturday she had received flowers. She had taken a card out of the box as they had sat at the boarding house table at breakfast. The other boarders teased her about her admirer and she seemed to enjoy it. Only he felt uncomfortable and could say nothing.

And Helen, whom he called to himself the dearest little girl, had been receiving these flowers for quite a few weeks now.

Finally he could stand it no longer. His mother needn't tell him anything more about the city's designing women. He was not going to lose the dearest little girl, if there was yet a chance, because of his mother's warnings to keep to himself.

And, besides, Christmas was coming, and Christmas was a time of year when everyone felt happy. He was going to make a tremendous fight to be happy!

And he sent her violets, beautiful deep purple violets, with a pink rose in the center.

Never had he seen her so happy as she was over his violets. How differently she acted about him than about the others. And then he asked her if she would take a walk with him. So far, they had had all their talks in the boarding house.

"I wonder," he said, "if you'd think it was awfully sudden if I made a little suggestion? I was thinking how nice a ring would look on that left hand of yours—as a Christmas present—and an engagement present, if I may be so bold, and if you've not already promised yourself to the other fellow? Or, maybe you could learn to like me better."

"What other fellow?" Helen asked.

"The one who has been sending you flowers all along."

"Oh," Helen said, "I'll have to tell you the truth. I sent them to myself. You were so shy, you seemed to like me and yet couldn't go about telling me or asking me out, and I thought maybe I'd make you curious or jealous or something."

"And you've cared for me all along as I have for you?" he queried.

She nodded. And then he told her the warnings he had been given by his mother.

"I don't know but what's she's right," Helen said. "I made designs for you, she could truthfully say."

But neither of them thought of the past, only of the glorious future ahead.

And Helen wore more violets on Christmas day and a ring with a stone which sparkled so beautifully. And they had dinner by themselves—a real Christmas dinner, for it was not only Christmas day—it was their wedding day, too!

## REMINISCENCES

### FIFTY YEARS AGO

There were 150 cases of smallpox in Memphis.

The Mississippi river was lower than remembered by the oldest inhabitants.

"A good many entertainments are to come off in Hickman during the holidays."

"Our enterprising friends, Overton & Steele, have bought themselves a steam boat and propose to put it forthwith regularly in the trade between this point and Cairo."

"There is to be a grand ball at the City Hall Tuesday evening, December 31, by Theodore Margraff, teacher of the Hickman brass and string bands."

Robert A. Faris and Mrs. Phoebe A. Weaver were married at the home of the bride by Esquire J. W. Mayes.

John W. Prather and Miss Annie L. Winston were married at the residence of the bride's family, Rev. J. H. Roulhac performing the ceremony.

"The scarcity of water, though somewhat relieved by the little rain Tuesday night, still greatly inconveniences the farmers."

"The Mayfield band have engaged the services of Prof. James, formerly leader of the Hickman band, as teacher. He is one of the best E flat blowers in the West."

### TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

The Courier contained a solid page of "Sheriff's Sales for Taxes."

"Up at Widlife, the cozy capital of the sister county of Ballard, is the only female band in all Kentucky."

"Rev. Archie Boogher visits Columbus next Sunday, and therefore there'll be no services in the Episcopal church in Hickman."

There is to be a union Christmas tree at City Hall Friday evening, the 24th.

It was predicted Congress would make war against civil service during the coming week.

President McKinley's mother died at Canton, Ohio, from a stroke of paralysis.

### AND THE FIREMEN LAUGHED!

But Perhaps All of Them Didn't, Although Mrs. Blank Undoubtedly Meant Well.

Lawson Purdy, secretary of the Charity Organization society, said at a reception in New York:

"Some people run down the charity expert—the man or woman who studies charity and makes it his or her profession, but why shouldn't we have charity experts as well as medical experts, law experts or military experts? Take collecting, for instance—collecting for charity. The expert knows how to do it, and the greenhorn, beside him, is like Mrs. Blank."

"Mrs. Blank was the chief pillar of a home for stray cats. The home was in a very bad way. In fact, its creditors said they'd foreclose on it if it didn't settle up at once."

"Late one night, tossing sleepless in her bed, heartbroken over the home's coming ruin, Mrs. Blank had a sudden brilliant idea. She rose, ran to the telephone and sent in a fire alarm."

"When the firemen, breathless and wild-eyed, dashed up with their engines and hose and ladders, Mrs. Blank met them at her door."

"Boys," she said, with a gay laugh, "there isn't any fire really. I've just brought you here because you've simply got to subscribe 50 cents apiece to my stray cats' home."

### Red Cross Symbol.

The Red Cross symbol is exclusively reserved for sanitary formations conveying wounded soldiers or sailors and for the institutions engaged in the treatment of such cases by a law passed in France in 1913 and strict enforcement of this law is being carried out. The directors of French Red Cross societies, noticing that various pharmacists and laborers' first aid stations had put up the Red Cross sign, decided to demand the removal of all such emblems where unauthorized. As a result the courts are busy prosecuting the various drug stores, which refuse to take down the sign, alleging that it is perfectly justified because in reality they are first-aid stations. However, a decree has been issued stating that the law of 1913 must be observed.

### Columbus With a Spy-Glass.

The medieval painter who in a picture of the crucifixion of Christ represented a Roman soldier armed with a blunderbuss must have a descendant in the British post office department. According to an indignant writer in the "Bulletin de la Societe Astronomique de France," the English government for its possession of Saint Kitts or Saint Christopher, one of the West India Islands, has provided a stamp showing Christopher Columbus surveying the horizon through a spy-glass.

But Christopher Columbus discovered America in 1492, while the spy-glass was not invented until 118 years afterward. But what a joy that stamp must be to collectors!

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In Illinois a singing teacher advises that she "gives special pains to beginners"—not counting those she gives to the people in the same block who have to listen to the lessons. Kansas City Journal.

Hannah Eldred says being 100 years old is great. It is great, Hannah, but it takes so long.—Richmond Item.

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